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FROM AMBASSADOR WATSON PARIS 1435
TO THE WHITE HOUSE, EYES ONLY FOR DR. KISSINGER

SAW PRESIDENT POMPIDOU ALONE AT 12:30. TOLD HIM OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT TO BE MADE LATER TODAY. HE WAS EXTREMELY GRATEFUL FOR BEING INFORMED AHEAD OF TIME AND SENT HIS PERSONAL APPRECIATION TO PRESIDENT NIXON. HE TOLD ME THAT OF COURSE HE HAD SEEN THE CHINESE TRADE DELEGATION CURRENTLY VISITING FRANCE AND HAD NOT TALKED POLITICS WITH THEM, YET SENSED THAT SOMETHING WAS GOING ON IN CHINA. THE FACT THAT YOU ARE NOW VISITING OFFICIALLY TO SET UP PRESIDENT'S TRIP SEEMED TO GIVE HIM SOME FEELING THAT THINGS ARE UNDER CONTROL.

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR LETTING ME INFORM POMPIDOU AHEAD OF TIME. THIS MEANS A GREAT DEAL IN OUR RELATIONS. HAVE A GOOD TRIP. BEST PERSONAL REGARDS.

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